SIGNS of TIMES,

OR, A

VOICE to *BABYLON*,

THE

GREAT CITY of the *WORLD*;

And to the *JEWS* in *particular*:

To whom the *Meſſiah* is proved to have been the *Son* of the *Woman* before the *Fall* of *Adam*; at which Time he became from the *Womb* of his Mother, the NAZARITE: Rev. xii. 5, 6, 7. Dan. vii. 13, 14.

A Teſtimony by the Spirit of Prophecy to their Converſion near at hand, and to the *great Sabbatical Year*, when *all Nations*, *Languages*, *Kindreds* and *Peoples* will ſerve the LORD and his CHRIST under the *Cloud* of *Glory*.

On which Cloud a DISCOURSE is ſubjoined from 1 Cor. x. 1—4.

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1 Cor xiv. 1. Covet *ſpiritual* Gifts, but rather that ye may *propheſy*.

Rev. xix. 20. The *Teſtimony* of *Jeſus* is the *Spirit* of *Prophecy*.

Rev. xi. 15. The *ſeventh Angel* ſounded; and there were great Voices in Heaven, ſaying, the *Kingdoms* of the *World* are become the *Kingdoms* of *our Lord*, and of *his Chriſt*, and he ſhall *reign* for *Ages* of *Ages*.

Lev. xxiii. 24. In the *ſeventh Month*, in the *firſt Day*, ſhall ye have a *Sabbath*, a *Memorial* of *blowing* of *Trumpets*.

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PREFACE.

THE Deſign of this Publication is to collect into one View all the *Signs* of *Times* explained by me in different Tracts on the *Moſaic* OEconomy, that from the Concurrence of them to one Point of Time, the Church of Chriſt may form a Judgment concerning that happy State, when "the *Kingdoms* of *this World* will become the *Kingdoms* of *God* and *his Chriſt*," as foretold by the beloved Diſciple, *John*, in *Rev.* xi. 15.—29.

2dly, I have ſubjoined a ſhort Diſcourſe on 1 Cor. 10. 1—4. to ſhew, that the Government or *Theocracy* will be carried on under the *Cloud* of *Glory* ſoon to be revealed, when the full Number of all the (*a*) *Elect*, i e. the *firſt-born* and *Elders* of *Iſrael* are paſſed through the *Regeneration* by the *Blood* and *Fire* of the *Lamb*, JESUS CHRIST. The *Elect* are the 144000 who will be *Kings* and *Prieſts*, ſitting on *white* Thrones with *Jeſus Chriſt*, the *King* of theſe Kings and *Lord* of theſe Lords, whoſe *white Throne* will illuminate all the Thrones of theſe *elder* Bre-

(*a*) Matt. 24. 30. 31.

(a) Matt. 24. 27. thren, who will appear at once, in an (a) *inſtant*, when the full Time is come.

3dly, As the Goſpel will ſoon be delivered into the Hands of the Jews, whoſe diſperſion is nearly finiſhed, becauſe the (b) *Times* of the *Gentiles* in poſſeſſing the *Call* to the *Primogeniture*, are juſt fulfilled, as they they have enjoyed the Covenant the ſame Period the Poſterity of *Jacob* had it under the Name of *Iſrael:* For *Abraham* and *Iſaac* are not called *Iſrael*, which Name began in *Jacob* about 1770 Years before Chriſt's Incarnation, ſo that it was eſtabliſhed with him and his twelve Sons under the *figurative* Diſpenſation, for the Space of Time juſt mentioned; but who can anſwer for exact *Chronology*, even of ſome Years?——As their *Servitude* among the *Gentiles* (for they only dwell among them by Permiſſion and Favour,) who have received the *Faith* of the *Son* of *Adam* and *Son* of *God*, is juſt drawing to an End, the *Holy Tongue* of God's Love, and the Riches *hid* in *Chriſt* will be given to them, who will teach the World, (c) what is the *Heighth* and *Depth*, and *Length*, and *Breadth*, and to know the Love of Chriſt, which paſſeth all Knowledge; and bring to light that Myſtery of Providence ſpoken of by St. *Paul* in *Rom.* 11. " Therefore hath he

(b) Luke 21. 24.

(c) Epheſ. 3. 18, 19.

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ſhut them *all* up in *Unbelief*, that he might have *mercy* upon *all*."

Their Converſion is expected to be like that of St. *Paul* by a Viſion and a Voice from Heaven, as many good Men have thought. It is to ſuch a Manifeſtation of him *coming* in *Clouds* with his *Saints*, that is, in all the Elders, who by *Faith*, *Love*, and the *Croſs* have obtained the *ſpiritual Promigeniture*, or *double Portion* of the *Prieſthood* and *Kingdom*, that the *beloved* Prophet points to, when he ſays, "who has made us *Kings* and *Prieſts* unto God, even our Father, to him be GLORY and *Power* for *Ages* of *Ages*. Amen." *(a)* Behold, he cometh with *Clouds*, and *every Eye* ſhall ſee him, even they who *pierced* him, and *all* the *Tribes* of the Earth ſhall mourn before him. (a) Rev. 6. 7. Matt. 24. 30, 31.

4thly, The *Wiſdom* of God has appeared *Fooliſhneſs* unto the World, and perhaps it never was more generally diſregarded than at this Day, and by Multitudes deſpiſed alſo. The Time is now advancing, when the *Wiſdom* of Men will truly be Fooliſhneſs in the higheſt degree: ſo that the Apoſtle's Denunciation is not far off, "Behold, ye *Deſpiſers*, and *wonder* and *periſh*:" for *(b)* a *real* Birth or *Regeneration* phyſically effected, is the one great Myſtery and Sum of the Law and Goſpel, though it has been (b) Acts 13. 41.

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continually inſulted by falſe Philoſophy and vain Science.

5thly, The *Feaſt* of *Trumpets* is the next great Feſtival of the Goſpel: It was under *Moſes* the *ſeventh* Trumpet of the *ſacred* Year, as in the *Winter* Months, no Feſtival was celebrated, *Winter* being the *Type* of *Death*, when *Seed* lay *unbodied* under the Earth: It will be anſwered by the *ſeventh* Trumpet of *John*, the *firſt Reſurrection*, and the *univerſal Theocracy* under the *Cloud* of *Glory*, for the *Earth* ſhall be *filled* with the *Knowledge* (*a*) of the GLORY of the LORD as the Waters cover the ſea.

(*a*) Hab. 2. 14.

That great and good Man (*b*) Dr. *Burnet* could not conceive how ſuch a State of the Church could exiſt, unleſs the Earth was rendered *paradiſiacal* from a total Purification by *Fire*; he therefore as he confeſſes, transferred the *Millennium* to the *Renovation* of it after the *ſecond Death*; and in this, he contradicted the Prophet, who placed it before that Period. Let us not concern ourſelves how God can accompliſh his own Promiſe, for he can do it by a thouſand Ways, which our narrow Minds cannot conceive, till it be effected.

(*b*) In his Theory of the Earth.

6thly, With regard to what Judgments God will execute on the degenerate Chriſtians, they appear great and awful from the Pro-

Prophecies reſpecting this *latter* Day: and they have been dreadful in Earthquakes, Storms, and Inundations, ſince the Year 1755, particularly, and indeed over all the World. The Number has been more than fifty in every Year from that Time to this Day, in all Parts of the Earth.

7thly, As the Diſcovery of *Chriſt* being the *Son* of the *Woman* before the *Fall*, or *Diviſion* of *Adam*, as revealed to *John*, Rev. 12. 5. and to *Dan.* 7. 13. the World will ſoon ſee great Conſequences flow from it: I again aſſert, that the *Nazarite* began in *Abram*, and ends in *Benjamin*: the whole *three Fathers*, and *twelve Sons* make the *Fulneſs* of the Godhead. The Jews will have the Grace of explaining this Truth, which will throw a new Light and Conſiſtence on Sacred Writ.

Laſtly, As to the general Diſregard of that *Spirit* of *Prophecy*, which has been opened in me ever ſince the Year 1757, it is no Wonder. For, as it is of no Party, and goes beyond the Line of all Sects, it muſt ſuffer neglect from falſe Zeal in every Community. Yet it will not be long, before it will be found, not of a *private* Nature, but given to the *Church* at this Time, haſtening to a happy Period, marked out by *Moſes*, and to be fulfilled by his *Maſter*, *Jeſus Chriſt*.—

Chriſt.------The Teſtimony of Jeſus, ſaith *John (a)*, is the *Spirit* of *Prophecy*; and though *Satan* has ſent and will ſend forth many falſe Meſſengers, without one Word of Sacred Writ to ſupport them, to hurt the Truth ariſing from a clear and connected View of real Prophecies in *Figures* and in *Times*, inſtituted by divine Wiſdom under the Law, and juſt ready to be accompliſhed under the Goſpel, yet he, that hath given me this Light, will, I truſt, ſupport me in Contempt and Perſecution, or even in Death itſelf, though I am *almoſt* the only Witneſs to the great Diſpenſation approaching: And I declare again, that *Heaven* and *Earth* will bear *continual* Teſtimony by Appearances uncommon and wonderful, to a *new* State of the *Church*, and of the *World*, whatever Viſitations and ſore Judgments may afflict Chriſtendom in particular, before the *Darkneſs* ſhall become *Light*, even the *Light of God*, and his *Lamb*. AMEN.

(a) Rev. 19. 10.

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An ABSTRACT, &c.

THE Signs of *Times*, ſpoken of by our Lord, regard the *Times* and *Seaſons* prefigured under *Moſes* for their Completion under the Goſpel. The firſt Treatiſe publiſhed by me on the Number Seven, eſtabliſhes two Points; the firſt ſhews the Ground of expecting ſome eminent Revolution in the Kingdom of *fallen Nature*, called *Babylon* the Great, on a ſeventh Period of equal Time: The ſecond ſhews the Agreement of Goſpel-time, with the Figures of it under *Moſes*.

Χρονους ἢ Καιρους Acts 1.

All the *Sevens* in the Law carry only two Views, that of ſeven Spirits to be renewed in Man, and that of a Period of Time when theſe Spirits ſhall be again reſtored. The deep Senſe of theſe Spirits has been opened in every Treatiſe of mine; to which I refer for a fuller Knowledge of them.

Sabbatical Year.

In the *Sabbatical* Year, which is a Sign and Standard of *Time*, under the *figurative* Diſpenſation, I have opened the ſpiritual Senſe, both as a Circle of Time anſwering to ſix great Years, of a thouſand Years for each, concluding in a *ſeventh*, according to the *pure Cabbala*, or *traditional* Interpretation, defended by *Buddeus*, Dean *Allix*, Dr. *Henry More*, the great *Cudworth*, *Vitringa*, *Kircher*, *Eraſmus*, *Huet*, &c. and to the Doctrine of the Chriſtian Church as ſhewn by Mr. *Mede*, *Broughton*, and Dr. *Burnet* of the Charter-houſe.

The Sabbatic or Seventh Year anſwers to the thouſand Years of St. John for the firſt Reſurrection of the Martyrs and *firſt-born Kings* and *Prieſts*, who will as the *Elders* ſerve the younger Children, as *Chriſt*, the *Head* of *all the Brethren* has raiſed them from Death.

Six Days of the Week.

The ſix Days of the Week exhibit the ſame Meaſure of Time in the great *Antitype* of 1000 Years to each Day, and point out Fulneſs in the Seventh Day, and from Fulneſs, a State of Reſt, as the Hebrew Word ſignifies.

120 Years of Moſes, his Life. Deaut. 34. 7. Deaut. 31. 2.

In the Years of Moſes his Life, *Fleſh* and its Continuance is repreſented, each Year ſtanding for a Jubilé, when *Moſes* dies, the *Law* of *Death* over *Fleſh*, the *Man* of *Sin*

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of the firſt *Tranſgreſſion*, will be ſwallowed up in Life eternal: When the Fleſh of the *great Whore* and *firſt* Adultreſs, *Eve*, will be devoured by the *jealous Fire* of her *firſt Huſband*, the *Lord* her Creator.

One hundred and twenty Jubilés make 6000 Years: But *Chriſt*, as the *Sin-offering* in *Fleſh* was taken down before the *ſixth* Day of the Week was complete, before the ſetting of the Sun, as a Pledge, that the *Reſt* ſhall come before the *full ſixth* Day run out; becauſe the *Days* ſhall be *ſhortened* of this *laſt Chiliad*.

The Number of Days preſcribed by the *Law* for the *Woman's* Uncleanneſs after the male and female child, are *figurative*, and point out 120 Jubilés or *Days* of the Lord, before the *Re-union* of the *Male* and *Female* in Man, according to the *firſt Image* of GOD in (*a*) Adam. Theſe 120 Days coincide as Jubilés, the *acceptable Day* of the *Lord* ſo called by (*b*) Iſaiah, with the other Figures of Time.

120 Days for the Purification of the Mother for the Male and Female.

(*a*) Gen. 1. See Iſaiah 4. the whole chapter.

(*b*) Iſai. 61. 2.

The 120 Prieſts of Solomon with Trumpets at the Dedication of the *figurative* Temple repreſent 120 Trumpets of the Jubilé, before the *true Temple*, *Heaven*, and the *Tabernacle* of *God*, the *Cloud* of *Glory* will be revealed; and before God will *create* upon all the Aſſemblies of Zion, and

120 Prieſts of Solomon.

Iſai. 4.

1 Cor. 20. 1-4. upon every dwelling Place, a Cloud and Smoke by Day, and the ſhining of a flaming Fire by Night; for upon all, the *Glory* ſhall be a Covering.

N. B. The 120 Diſciples, on whom the holy Spirit fell at the Pentecoſte, were the *Trumpets* and the *Prieſts* ſpeaking the wonderful Things of God: But *Joel*'s Prophecy was only fulfilled, as a firſt Fruits and earneſt of the larger Effuſion of the *Holy Spirit* in the *laſt Days*, towards the cloſe of 120 Jubilés, as the Words of the Prophecy will ſufficiently declare that there muſt be a fuller Completion, when the *Spirit* muſt be poured out on *all Fleſh*. Joel iii. 28.

The Months of Moſes. 30 Days to a Month.

The ſix Moons or Months of *Moſes* are *Figures* of Times. Six Months by Days are 180 Days, whoſe Meaſure by the Jubilé and Century make 6000 Years before the Feaſt of Trumpets on the firſt Day of the *ſeventh* Month. One hundred and twenty Days, each a Day a Jubilé make 6000 Years: the remaining 60, each Day for a Century, make the ſame Number. The *Lamb* offered at the *Months*, and the blowing of Trumpets were for Jews and Gentiles: and hence the two Periods of Jew and Gentile under Revelation, are uſed by divine Wiſdom; by which, Time began and ended among them both.

Ezekiel

Ezekiel makes the ſix working Days, and ſix Moons to have the ſame Senſe and Meaning; and I have ſhewn the Coincidence of the *Time* figured by both Day and Month. Ezek. 46. 1.

The *Seventh Month* is the *Seventh Trumpet* of *Moſes*, and is anſwered by the Seventh Trumpet of St. John, when the Kingdoms of this World become the Kingdoms of our Lord and his Chriſt, and he ſhall reign for ever and ever. Rev. 10. 7. 11. 15.

I ſhall now conclude with what I ſaid at the End of the Voice of Glad-tidings to Jews and Gentiles, in the Myſteries of the *firſt-born* and *firſt-fruits* publiſhed in the Year 1763 p. 230.

We are now in a very deplorable Age of the World. When neither the Fear nor Love of God have any due Influence on the Generality of Mankind; and yet this Corruption, almoſt total, has not come to paſs, becauſe the Terrors of the Lord have not been preached through every Age, whatever other Cauſes may have given birth to ſo great a Depravity of Manners.

The time of the *Day*, in which we now move on, is very *extraordinary* in a *prophetical* View, as it is towards the *great Sixth Day*, *Sixth Month*, and *Sixth Year* of the World before the *Seventh* or *Sabbath* of God,

God, as Divine Wiſdom has ſet up *Signs* and *Figures* of *Times* in *Days*, Weeks, Months and Years, under Moſes. It is alſo a Period remarkable in an *outward* View of Nature and in the Power of the *planetary* Influences and Configurations, as no Time can ſhew ſuch a *Succeſſion* of *Earthquakes* in *all Parts* of the *Globe*, and *Commotions* of *Waters* in ſo ſmall a Circle of Time, as a few Years paſt, as well as other afflicting and fearful Phænomena in violent Storms and Tempeſts, Inundations, and uncommon Rains and Hail, and in the ſudden Extremes of Heat and Cold, which muſt have their Ground and Cauſe in the Impreſſions and Activities of the heavenly Powers.—The Period that is now paſſing over us, has a Combination of *many Signs* of *Times* in the Law and Prophets, whoſe Coincidence and Concurrennce have been ſhewn in ſeveral Tracts publiſhed by me. Again, I repeat it, we have a Series of very great and uncommon Events in the Kingdom of Nature to the four Corners of the Earth; ſo that Nature in all the Elements wherein *Curſe* and *Corruption* have been introduced by *Sin*, feels the penetrating and *refining* *Fire* of the Lord Jeſus, and of his *Firſt-born*, the 144000 *Kings* and *Prieſts* of *Iſrael*; and it is now groaning and travailing in

Malachi.

Pangs

Pangs, to be delivered into the *Sabbath* of *God*, which is one great Part of the *Reſtitution* of *all Things* promiſed; and which will manifeſt itſelf in the *Millennial* Kingdom of Chriſt, whoſe Advent is near, when the Seventh Angel ſounds *his Trumpet*, the laſt to be ſounded; at which Time the *Kingdoms* of *this* World ſhall become the Kingdoms of *our Lord*, and of *his Chriſt*, that is, of the *whole Congregation* of the *firſt-born*, as *Jeſus* is the *one Root* bearing theſe bleſſed Branches of the *Elder Brethren*. What I publiſh will be rather a Declaration of great Things near at hand, than a Means of converting many to a better Knowledge of the Goſpel, as the *Time* of *Faith* in the *great Myſteries* of the Kingdom, and in the great Work of *Regeneration* is paſt; while every Thing of this Kindis deſpiſed as *Methodiſm* and *Fanaticiſm*, and the Preachers of theſe important Truths are driven from the Congregations, or inſulted and mocked for ſpeaking the great Things of *God* in *Chriſt*. Again, I repeat what I have ſaid in another place; "Every Year will ſhew ſome *extraordinary* Workings in the *Courſe* of Nature, to bring the Kingdom of *Chriſt* and his *new Heaven* and *new Earth* more forward, that the Evangelical Feaſt of Trumpets may be fulfilled in its Time

Rev. 11. 15.

Matt.

Pag. 389. of the *Daily Service*, &c. publiſhed in 1766.

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and Seaſon now drawing near, Amen, Amen. God will haſten his Kingdom, and ſhorten the Days for his Elect's Sake.

Chriſt born 4004 by Uſher; therefore only one Year beyond.

From the Year 1755, when *Lisbon* was deſtroyed, we have had more than nine hundred Earthquakes. 1755 is five Years beyond the *Time* of our Saviour's *Death* on the Croſs, when Earthquakes followed his ſtrong Cries on the Evening of the *Sixth Day* of the Week: It was juſt paſt *three* of the *Clock*, at the *Ninth* Hour, when *Liſbon* was deſtroyed; and *Chriſt* has been ſpeaking to the World ſince, and will continue to ſpeak in Earthquakes and other Signs in *Times* and Nature too, and yet, when he *comes*, ſhall he find Faith on Earth? Infidelity and Wickedneſs will go hand in hand, and treaſure up *Wrath* againſt the *Day* of *Wrath*, -----in the *Evening* of this *ſixth great* Day of the World.

N. B. According to the *myſtical* Way of reckoning the ſeven Days of the Week for ſeven thouſand Years, ſo anciently underſtood by the Jews, and from them by the Chriſtian Church, (as *Mede* and *Burnet* have ſhewn ſufficiently in their Works,) we ſtand now in the *Sixth* Day of the Week, and have paſſed beyond *three* parts out of *four* of this *Day*. 750 Years contain three-fourths.

Now

fourths. Now, *Chriſt* ſuffered on *this Day* under the Law; and *his Water* and *Blood* came out and flowed down upon *him* who *pierced* him, ſometime after *three* of the Clock in the Afternoon, or the *Ninth* Hour, Matt. 27. 46. 50, 51. between the *Evenings* of that Day. We are now paſſed beyond *three* Portions of the *Sixth* Day. The *Time* of *Chriſt*'s ſhedding his *Water* and *Blood* in the *Evening* of the *Sixth* Day is a *Figure* and *Pledge* of a *greater* Time or the *myſtic* Day of the *Jewiſh* Church, at which Period a greater Effuſion of his reedeeming *Water* and *Blood* will flow upon the Heads of his worſt Enemies, the *Jewiſh* People and the *Gentiles* yet in Unbelief.----The flowing of his Water and Blood was after the *Earthquake*. In the Year 1755 Liſbon was deſtroyed, and nine hundred Earthquakes have ſince followed. This Time was nearly the *Ninth* Hour of the *Sixth* Day of the World, and according to *Uſher*'s Chronology, one Year only different from an exact *Ninth* Hour, if Chriſt was born in the Year 4004 of the World, as he judges. The Feaſt of Trumpets is therefore near; and the *Voice* of *Chriſt* is now ſpeaking *loud*, and rending the *old Earth*, and will rend and ſhake it, till the *new Earth* and *new Heavens* appear from *his Cloud* of *Glory*, which ſhall fill the

whole Earth; for as the *Lightning* cometh from the *Eaſt*, and ſhineth unto the *Weſt*, ſo alſo ſhall the *Preſence* of the *Son* of *Man* be. Matt. 24. 27.

The *Teſtimony* of *Jeſus* is the *Spirit* of *Prophecy*. Rev. 19. 10. The *Wiſe* will *underſtand* the Signs of the *Times*. Dan. 12.

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1 Cor. 10. 1——4.

Brethren, I would not have you ignorant, how that all our Fathers were under the Cloud, and all paſſed through the Sea, and were all baptized into Moſes in the Cloud and in the Sea: and did all eat the ſame ſpiritual Meat, and did all drink the ſame ſpiritual Drink: for they drank of that Rock which followed them, and that Rock was Chriſt.

THIS Paſſage of the Apoſtle is pregnant with the whole Subſtance of the Goſpel: and this Servant of our Lord was favoured with more abundant Revelations, that is, with the Knowledge of the *Myſteries* of his

Kingdom, which conſiſts in propheſying, or interpreting the ſpiritual Senſe of the Types and Shadows of the Law: For the Goſpel is only the Law unvailed in the Perſon of Jeſus Chriſt. But how ſhall we penetrate the Truth and Spirit concealed under the Figures, unleſs by comparing one with the other. From the neglect of this, the two Revelations of the *Figure* by *Moſes*, and of the *Spirit* by *Chriſt*, are ſo partially and darkly underſtood that they appear full of Contradiction, as particularly in the important Caſe of *Jacob* and *Eſau*, and other Points of a moſt intereſting Nature to Mankind in general. In the Subject before us, we will trace the ſacred Writings as the beſt Interpreters of the Myſteries or ſpiritual Truths, and we will paſs by the numerous Commentators who attempt to explain the Revelation by Heatheniſh Rites and Ceremonies, Idioms of Speech, and bold Eaſtern Metaphors; than which Method nothing can be more abſurd, and the Effect ſhews the Inſufficiency of it, as nothing but a total Ignorance of the true inward Senſe can ariſe from it, which has long overſpread the Face of Chriſtendom.

1. We will conſider what the Apoſtle means by all our Fathers being under the Cloud.

2. What

2. What paſſing through the Sea ſignifies.

3. What is meant by being baptized into Moſes in the Cloud and in the Sea.

And, laſtly, ſhew they did eat and drink the ſame ſpiritual Meat and Drink, becauſe they drank of that Rock which followed them, and that Rock was Chriſt.

1. Of the Fathers being under the Cloud.

The Cloud or Pillar of Fire was the viſible Throne and Dwelling-place of the Lord God of Iſrael, called by the Jewiſh Writers the *Schechinah*, with which he led Iſrael out of Ægypt into Canaan.

2dly, This Cloud is conſtantly called the *Glory* of *Jehovah*, in which he manifeſted his gracious Preſence.

3dly, This *Glory* anſwered ſeveral Ends. 1ſt, Of ſupplying heavenly Meat and Drink to the Fathers. 2dly, Of guiding them through the intricate and painful Journey of the Wilderneſs, a Figure of Man's Pilgrimage on Earth. 3dly, Of protecting them from the Elements of the (*a*) *outward* World; and laſtly, of ſeparating between the Ægyptians, their *Enemies*, Figures of of *Satan* and his Angels of Darkneſs, and of being the awful Inſtument of Divine Vengeance in deſtroying them in the Sea.

(*a*) Pſ. 78. 14. Pſ. 105. 39.

Now

Now the Cloud or Pillar of Fire was the true *Throne*, the *dwelling* Place, the *Mercy Seat* or Covering of God who is *Jehovah*, the *moſt high God*, and conſequently the Father of all Gods *(Aleim* or *Elohim)* and of Thrones, Dominions, Principalities and Powers.

In the great Deſcent on Mount Sinai, the Lord appeared in the Cloud which was outwardly dark, and black with Tempeſts and Storms; and yet, out of this Cloud he revealed as a favour, the *(a) great Fire* within: for thus Moſes ſpeaks, did not he ſhew thee *his great Fire*? Had it not been a great Privilege, could Moſes have repeated it; did ever People hear God ſpeaking out of the *midſt* of Fire? For though Moſes, as clothed with Fleſh and Blood trembled at the Sight as well as the Iſraelites; yet the Glory of that Manifeſtation was an exceeding great Favour as they knew themſelves, when they ſaid, Who is there of all *Fleſh* that have heard the Voice of the Lord God ſpeaking out of the *midſt* of the Fire as we, and lived? For, though according to the Letter as the Apoſtle ſpeaks, *Mount Sinai* gendreth unto Bondage, becauſe Man is born Fleſh by the Will and Blood of Adam; and every one is born into this Body of *Sin*, and *Death* and of our Humi-

(a) Deaut. 4. Deaut. 5. 26.

Humiliation, by Hagar, the *Bond-woman* of *Ægypt*, which can produce only Fleſh and Blood ſoon to die and corrupt: yet in the *Fire*, *Mount Sinai* was a Revelation of *Mount Sion* the World of *Light*, or of *that Fire* which never conſumes but bleſſes with ſuperlative Life and Senſations of Joy. Hence *David* who ſaw through the Darkneſs of that Appearance, ſays, the *Chariots* of God are twenty thouſand, even thouſands of Angels (or *(a)* double ones:) the Lord is among them as in *Sinai*, in the *holy Place*. How was the Lord among thoſe Myriads of Angels but in his *eternal* unperiſhing Fire? And how were they with the Lord, but in the *midſt* of *that Fire*, rejoycing in the Light and Life thereof.

(a) Shinan double ones, ſays Dr. Sharp in his Tract againſt Hutchinſon.

2dly, When the Cloud or *Schechinah* of Glory appeared no more viſibly to the Iſraelites, when they had reached the *typical* Canaan, but withdrew and ſat over the *Cherubim* in the *Holy* of *Holies* of the Tabernacle and of the *Temple*: Yet to ſhew, that his *real* Preſence is ever in a Cloud of Fire or Light, (which is the true Garment of Angels or their ſpiritual Bodies,) God appointed the Lambs of the Morning and Evening, whoſe Fleſh was to aſcend in a fine Vapour, or perpetual Cloud, to repreſent the *real* Lamb, and his clothing of *Glory*;

Glory; and to ſhew as clearly as a Figure could, the giving forth ſpiritual Meat and Drink from an high. But as I have explained this more fully in the *Daily Service* publiſhed by me, it will be neceſſary to refer to that.

In reſpect to this Image and Repreſentation, the Prophets ſpeak of the Lord coming in the *Clouds*, and the Day of the Lord as a *Day* of *Clouds:* under the ſame Character the *royal Seer* ſpeaks, that *his Wor-*
(*a*) Pſ. 68. 34. *ſhip* and *Strength* is in the (*a*) *Clouds*; not meaning the Clouds of this *outer* World, to which Scripture compares the moſt periſhing and unſubſtantial Things, but he points
(*b*) Dan. 7. 13. Rev. 1. 7. the (*b*) Clouds of *Heaven*, the Strength of God, the *ſpiritual Garment*, *white Linen*, the *everlaſting Tabernacles*, where the Preſence and Union of the Father with his Children is ever ſhewn, and where they ſee him *Face* to *Face*, and rejoyce in the Light
(*c*) Dan. 7. 13. Rev. 12. 5. of his Countenance forever. Hence too, to preſerve the ſaid great Truth, at our Lord's Transfiguration, a *bright* Cloud overſhadowed the Diſciples, and he was *clothed* with that Glory, when his Face ſhone as the Sun in its Strength. Then was revealed the Glory of the only-begotten Son of the (*c*) *ancient* of *Days*, full of Grace and Truth. At this time was revealed that

Arich Anpin, Macroproſopus of the Cabaliſts. Schoettgenii Hor. Heb. de Meſſiâ. vol. 2. p. 12, 13.

Son

Son who cometh in the *Clouds* of *Heaven*, and who formeth theſe *Clouds* out of himſelf, as pure and white as the Garments of his Father, the *Ancient* of Days, whoſe Garment was white as Snow, and the Hairs of his Head like pure Wool. Dan. 7. 9. This is the white Raiment he counſelleth us to buy of him, that the *Shame* of our Nakedneſs may not appear. Rev. 3. 18. It is in ſuch *white Clouds* the ‡ *Elect* will appear, full of Light and Glory from Centre to

‡ The Election of *one* from many, in Ages (Æons) paſt, is affirmed by David, Pſa. 45. 7. *God*, even thy *God* hath anointed thee with the oil of Gladneſs above thy fellows. *Sodales* et *Participes*. This is transferred into the Epiſtle to Heb. Chapt. 1. 8. 9. 10. The perſon, out of whom he was Seperated and taken, is revealed to St. John, Chapt. 12. 4. 6. where he is called the *Son*, the *Male* or *Strong Male*; and the Same Truth was revealed to Dan. 7. 13. 14. where one like the Son of Man is brought to the *Ancient* of *Days* in the *Clouds* of *Heaven*, when a Kingdom and power and glory was given him, whom all *Peoples*, Nations and Tongues were to ſerve. That this tranſaction of his being a *Nazarite* taken from the *Womb* of *his Mother*, the *Woman* clothed with the Sun is declared to be before the *foundation* of the *World*, Eph. 1. 4. and is the *Myſtery* or *great Secret* of God's Council hid from the everlaſting Times or Ages, in Rom. 16. 26. It is the ſame Secret of God intimated by our Saviour, in Matt. 13. 35. I will open my mouth in parables, I will declare things *hidden* from the foundation of the World. That there was a time of begetting this *Chriſt* and *anointing* him before his advent into the form of *Sinfull* fleſh, is expreſſed by David, Pſa. 2. 7. This was the *Glory* he Speaks of in John, 17. which he had with the *Father* before the *foundation* of the World; for which Glory given he returns

 thanks

to Circumference, and become as the *Elders*, the Judges over their younger Brethren. What a Congregation of *Firſt-born*, *Kings* and *Prieſts*, on their *Thrones*, all ſeen at once with the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords in the *Centre* of *this Camp* of *Jehovah!*

And in this Tranſaction was revealed that Son who cometh in the *Clouds* of Heaven, and alſo formeth theſe Clouds from his own Subſtance, as under the Law, the *Lamb* upon the Altar of perpetual Fire, was ever giving forth himſelf in Clouds and Vapours and Pillars of Smoke. And it is in ſuch *white* Clouds, full of Light from Centre

thanks to the *greater* Giver. This *pre-exiſtence* of *Chriſt* in *Ages paſt*, ſo continually ſpoken of by the Jewiſh Writers, opens the moſt difficult paſſages of the Prophets, the Law and the Goſpel. For theſe are not, as pretended by many, prophecies of things to be, but of tranſactions, which were not indeed to be revealed till the *finiſhing* of the Ages, Heb. 9 26. when the *Myſtery* Sealed up from the *Æonial times* ſhould be made known by the Goſpel, and by the manifeſtation of that *Holy one*, in a Body of our fallen form and *faſhion prepared* for that purpoſe, Heb. 10, 5. For in the *Body* of *Glory*, he could not be Capable of *Suffering*, for the gracious End appointed to his ſuffering character. Phil. 2. 8. 12. Heb. 5. 7. 10.

The Head of the *Nazarite* began in *Abram* in the *Type*, the *Solitary Male*, till he obtained his *Sarah*, and became *Abraham:* But there is not a *Spirit* of Interpretation capable of carrying the *Nazarite* through the form of *Iſaac*, and *Jacob*, till the *Holy Spirit* ſhall be poured out on the *Jews* who will ſoon ſee the *Meſſiah* coming in the *Clouds*, at the *Feaſt* of *Trumpets*.

Centre to Circumference, that the Redeemed will be caught up as *Elijah* and meet the Lord who cometh with theſe *Clouds*, the *fine Wool* of his Father, the *(a) Ancient* of *Days* to clothe his Children of his Loins with Garments of Life and Immortality.—On this Ground, St. John opens the firſt Scene of his Revelation almoſt with the ſame Character which had been deſcribed by the Prophets and taught by the *Clouds* of the *Daily Service*, *(b)* Behold, he cometh with Clouds; very good News! and every Eye ſhall ſee him; bleſſed Tidings! and they alſo that pierced him. The Enemies of the merciful Jeſus ſhall be devoured and conſumed into *his Glory*, as the Fire of the *Altar* devoured the Fleſh of the *Sin-offering*, ground its Bones to Powder, and no Image or Trace of the *Beaſt* remained, but it was made *one* with the *Fire*, which conſumes and perfecteſt as the Hebrew Word Tam or Taman, bears by divine Deſign this double Senſe.

(a) Dan. 7. 13. *Attic Jo.* *min.* Jerem. 30.

(b) Rev. 1. 7.

The Wiſdom of God has ever been fooliſhneſs with Men, ſays the Apoſtle, who was not derided by Greek or Roman Philoſophers, for his Morality; but for *Chriſt* in us, *God manifeſted* in *our Fleſh*, Sending *his (a) Spirit* to quicken our *mortal*

(a) Rom. 8.

tal Bodies, that the *Life* of *Chriſt* might be manifeſted in our *mortal fleſh*.

Theſe Truths were mocked by the *Wiſe* of the World, and are now ſo mocked among Chriſtians, tho' they contain the very *Letter* and *Spirit* of Revelation, that few have Courage to hazard the Reputation of their Underſtandings, the Favour of the People, or the Hope of Preferment: But all beſides this, is the Letter that killeth and leads to the *Wrath* of the *Second Death*.

2dly, The *Fathers* were under this *Cloud* (*Schechinah* of Glory) to be guided thro' that intricate and dangerous Wilderneſs: but had only Direction been intended, why ſhould *Jehovah* go in his *Glory* before them? Any Subordinate Means would have ſerved that End: an Angel might have rode in a ſmall Cloud, or a Star might have conducted them, as it did the Wiſe-men of the *Eaſt* to Jeſus. But much greater things were intended by this *Throne* of *Fire*, or *chryſtal Sea* mingled with *Fire*, in which the Supreme God was ſhewing his *peculiar* Favour, and in which too, *Chriſt* our Lord, the Angel of the *Covenant* and of the *Preſence*, (in whom his Name, his *great Name* of *Jehovah* was put) rode in this *mighty Chariot*, this *Cherubim* of *Glory*, that is, the moſt *Spiritual Clothing* God

God exhibits his preſence in. This part will be proved more fully, when we conſider the *Glory*, as this *Cloud* was called, under the Goſpel.

3dly, The Fathers ſtood under the Cloud to be protected againſt the Elements of *this World*, the *outer Court* or *firſt Heaven*, where Death reigns over all. Little doubt can be made of the Elements having no Power, no, not even to deſtroy their Garments. The World of *Babylon* with all its fallen and diſcordant Powers was ſo impreſſed, and over-ruled by the Kingdom of *Heaven*, (for Sure, the *Glory* of *God* is his Kingdom,) that Moſes appeals to this Truth; 'Thy Rayment waxed not old, and thy Shoe is not waxen old upon thy Foot, for theſe *(a)* forty Years: he Speaks thus to 600,000 People, beſides the mixed Multitude of Ægyptians who went up with them. (a) Deaut. 8. 4.

4thly, They were under the Cloud for the great End of *Salvation*, which conſiſts in Spiritual Meat and Drink. Under the Wings of the *Lord God*, they eat, (Says David, a good Judge of this Matter,) the *food* of *Angels*; and the great *(b) Nazarite* from his *Mother's Womb* was their Shepherd and Feeder. The Apoſtle informs us, (who knew more than Commentators and the (b) Rev. 12. 5. Dan. 7. 13.

the *Critici Sacri*,) that they eat the *ſelf-ſame* Spiritual Meat, and drank the ſame Spiritual Drink as he and all other Believers did under the Goſpel. This inſpired Writer is not miſtaken, however narrow and blind the underſtanding of Men has been in this great Truth. *Chriſt* was then in the *Cloud* of *Glory*, in the *(a) Boſom* of his Father, taken from the *Woman clothed* with the *Sun*, *Adam*, *Male* and *Female* in the *firſt* undivided *Image*: he was then Son of *Man*, and adopted into Glory of the *moſt High* God, *Attic Jomin* of *Daniel*, and of John the *God*, to whoſe *(b) Throne* he was taken from the moment of his Separation from his Mother, and from his *Brethren*, who were born of her, the *fallen Virgin* and *Bride*, in the *Wilderneſs*. This bleſſed *Brother* made now a *Father* too, fed his poor Brethren under *Death* with his own Life, and with the *(c) Glory* he had received from the *Father* of *all Gods*. He gave his own *Water* and *Blood* out of the *Cloud*, in Emanations of Light and *Vapour* beyond the moſt *rareſied* and refined Elements of this World, tho he never came into open manifeſtation, as the Apoſtle Speaks, the *(d)* Myſtery or *Secret* was never ſo made known as in theſe Days, when *Chriſt* had a (*e*) *Body prepared* of the *Virgin*, *figure* of a *greater* above,

(*a*) John 1. 18.

(*b*) Rev. 12. 5. Dan. 7.

(*c*) John 17. 15, 22.

(*d*) Rom. 16. 25. Eph. 1. 9. Col. 1. 26, 27.

(*e*) Heb. 10. 5.

above, to ſhew the whole Wonders of his Power over *all fleſh*, by that transformation over his *own Body* of the *fallen Woman* under the *Law*, *Death*. When he alſo manifeſted the *Deathleſs Water* and *Blood* out of his moſt bleſſed Side, by which alone, * the *Atonement*, more properly the *Clothing* or Covering, that is, the Body of *Glory*, by which our (*a*) *Nakedneſs* and *Shame* in *Adam* muſt be covered: by which Garment man is made a Son of God, and can ſtand before the Face of his Father, in the Light of his Countenance, as the Myriads of Angels ſtood in the *(b) great Fire* at Mount Sinai, covered with the *Glory*.

(*a*) Rev. 3. 18. 16. 15.

(*b*) Deaut. 4. 12.

This great Work of feeding Iſrael by the true Shepherd on high, (the moſt loving Brother to his Father's *fallen* Houſe,) was the chief End, for which the Lord God with his *(c) Elect*, *holy one*, Separated from his ‡ Brethren, went in that *Cloud*, as

(*c*) Iſai. 42. 1. 45. 4. 65. 9. 22.

* Schoetzen. Hor. Heb. vol. 2. 175. 226.—Iſai. 42. 1. Ecce, Servus meus Meſſias. *Kimchi*.

‡ The *Nazarite*, the *Male* began in *Abram* in the *Type*, and paſſes through *Iſaac* and *Jacob*, and ends in *Benjamin*, the laſt of the twelve Sons. They are all one; *Chriſt*, the *Meſſiah* is all this Fulneſs of God; he contains *three* Fathers, and *twelve* Children. Hence the common Saying among the Jews, we worſhip God according to the Myſtery of the Names of the three Fathers, meaning, *Abraham*, *Iſaac*, and *Jacob*, and theſe are one, (*Achad*) *Paſſim* in Witſii Miſc. Sac. & Vitringæ Obſ.

as the whole of our Redemption and Salvation is owing to Spiritual Meat and Drink from *Chriſt*, who is called the Shepherd. He is the *Lamb*, the male of the *firſt Year*, whoſe Fleſh and Blood, two Names for one effect, (as he can Multiply himſelf as eaſily as he Multiplied Bread and Fiſh in the Days of his appearance in our *Sinful* Fleſh of the *Fall)* muſt be Eaten and Drank perpetually, becauſe we can have no Life but in theſe holy powers; we can buy no White Rayments, build no Houſe eternal from Heaven, no *Cloud* of *Glory* to be Clothed with, but fom the Spiritual Emanations from *Jeſus Chriſt*, the *Spirit* of *Life*.

To confirm the greateſt Truth by the *Clouds*, as the Chief *Myſtery* of the Law and Goſpel, when the Iſraelites were Settled in *Canaan*, the *Glory* of the *Lord* retired into the *Holy* of *Holies*, and ſat over the *typical Cherubim*. Yet God appointed *two Figures* for ſtanding *Memorials* and *Witneſſes* of the *Clouds* of *Heaven*. Theſe were ſet up in the *Fleſh* and *Blood* of the *Lamb*, the *Male*, going up continually in Clouds and Vapors from the brazen Altar of perpetual fire; and 2dly, in the *Cloud* of *Incenſe*, Kindled on the Altar of *Gold* in the *firſt Holy* place, juſt after the *Blood* of the *Lamb* was poured into the *Horns* of the Altar.

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(*a*) The ſpiritual Senſe to this Type in *Clouds* was, that the *true Lamb* above was ever giving forth his Fleſh and Blood of Immortality to be eaten and drank by the *new Man*; and was, by that *ſecret Way*, raiſing up ſuch who received his *vital* Emanations, into a *new Body*, and was clothing them in a *Myſtery* or unſeen Proceſs, with the Clouds of Heaven, by which means they would, at the Death of the *old Adam* and his *Tabernacle*, ſtand in the *true holy Place* of *Heaven*, to which Throne, he himſelf was brought before the OEnial Times began, and made *one* with the *Ancient* of *Days*, the *God* of *all Creations*. This was the one Leſſon taught every Day in the Oblation of the Lambs for the Evening and Morning; when his Fleſh was diffuſed by the Fire in a thin Vapour or *Cloud*, and the Meat and Drink-offering aſcended and formed one Cloud, to teſtify, that the Deſign of that continual Service was to declare, that the Feaſt from the Lamb in the *Cloud* of *Glory* over the *Cherubim* was a real eating and drinking of his *living* Eſſence into their Spirits; and that by thus receiving him continually, they ſhould be *gradually* changed into the ſame Clouds of Heaven, which ſhall never wax old, decay or diſſolve, as our *mortal* Bodies of the *fallen* Blood do, whoſe Texture and

(*a*) See the *Daily Service* of the *Temple*, where theſe Things are fully explained.

Faſhion ſoon periſh and corrupt.———In the ſame view, the Prophets ſpeak of Clouds, looking to the *Figures* of the *Law*, and to the *Cloud* of *Glory*, the great *Prototype*, and Pattern of the Dwelling-place (*Schechinah* ſo magnificently, ſo juſtly ſpoke of by the Jews) of God, where he delights to dwell, and where he finds his Sons, and is one with them, and they with him; while he abhors our Fleſh and Blood, as he ſhewed by *Circumciſion*, and the Woman in *Uncleanneſs*, for bringing it into the World: Are ye yet blind, O ye Teachers of the Goſpel? and will ye not ſee the Ground of Redemption by a *new Blood* and a new Clothing to riſe out of it. The *Tabernacles* of *Jacob* will ſoon appear with the builder of theſe *glorious Dwellings* in the Heavens: the Time is near, and the *old Earth* ſhakes, that the *new Earth* may be revealed in the *Glory* from on High.—The Prophet Iſaiah, who ſpeaks in a *myſtic* Language, refers to the *Figures* of the Law, and tho' he be called the *Evangelical* Prophet, all the Prophets are Evangeliſts, Preachers of *good News* in the Spirit of the Letter. Thus, when declaring the greateſt Bleſſing the Lord God would ſend, he ſays, (*a*) *Jehovah* ſhall create upon every prepared Place of Mount *Zion*, and upon all her *Aſſem-*

(*a*) Iſai. 4. 4.

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blies, a *Cloud* by *Day*, and a *Smoke*, and the ſhining of Fire by Night; and upon all, the *Glory* ſhall be a *Covering*, as it ought to be tranſlated; for who could think that the † *Glory (Cabod)* of the Lord, which is to Cover of all Perſons, ſhould want to have any Covering itſelf.

Not to mention all the Paſſages of the Prophets concerning Clouds, and the Lord coming in and creating Clouds (which would be a Subject for a whole Book,) I will produce two illuſtrious Paſſages to confirm this fundamental Truth. The firſt is in *Joel*, and the laſt in *Daniel*. That in *Joel* relates to the Miſſion of the *Holy Spirit*, in which, all the Words are formed after the Figures of the *Daily Service* in offering the *Lamb* under the *Law*. The Evangelical Senſe was explained by the Goſpel-Prophet, *Peter*. "Behold, ſaith the Lord, in thoſe Days, I will pour out my Spirit, and I will ſhew Wonders in the Heavens, and in the Earth, *Blood* and *Fire*, and *Pillars* of *Smoke*. All theſe Things things were *daily* ſeen by the Jews in the

† The whole fourth Chapter is myſtic; and ſuch Interpretation has been made on it, as ſhews a total Ignorance of the Law and Goſpel. The *Filthineſs* of the *Bloods* of the *Daughters* of *Zion* reſpects our Body of the Fall, and no moral Sins as the Critic Sac. & Vitringa expound.

Fleſh of the Lamb, and in his Blood, and in the Meat and Drink-offering aſcending in Vapour by Fire, and by the *Incenſe* on the *inner* Altar. In the Deſcent of the *Holy Spirit*, when the Gentiles eat and drank *Chriſt* in his *eternal Fire* and *clothing Blood*, and Pillars of Smoke, or *Clouds* of Heaven, all the Miniſtry of the Law was brought out of *Words* and Figures into *Spirit* and *Truth*. Did not *Chriſt* create (*a*) Clouds in them, as his *Father* had taught him to work theſe Wonders? Did not the *Lamb* clothe his Flock with the *white Wool* of his *Mother's* Spinning? Was Abraham, a ſolitary Male, with his Name changed? Did he not give them his moſt precious Blood to drink, and in the Blood, the *Body* of *Glory* riſing out of it? Yes, and though the ſenſual and *carnal* Heart and Mind, the *great Enmity* with God, cannot reliſh or ſavour the Things of God, but they are Fooliſhneſs unto it, and its old Houſe of *Ægytian* Fleſh and Blood is dearer than the Houſe of God eternal from the Heavens; yet in no other *Clouds* will God be ever known unto Man: For theſe are the Clouds and Tabernacles, where his (*b*) *Worſhip* and *Strength* is ſeen: Theſe are the Beds of *Spices* and of *Solomon*, where the Bridegroom will conſummate the Marriage with his

(*a*) Dan. 9. 13.

Pſ. 68. 34. 104. 3. Cant. 3. 6. 5. 13.

his *Bride*, whoſe Joys are as much exalted above the higheſt Joy of our Reins, as this is ſuperior to the *white* of an Egg, as Job ſpeaks.

The laſt Paſſage is that of *Daniel*, the *(a)* beloved Prophet, to whom was revealed the *Secret* of God, where he ſees the *Son (b)* of *Man*, the ſame ſeen by *John*, taken from the *Mother* (who never bore a ſecond of *his Form)* brought unto the ancient of Days, (the *Appointer*, or *Ordainer* of *Days*;) – I beheld, and lo, one as the Son of Man came with the Clouds of Heaven, and they brought him unto the *Ancient* of *Days*, and he gave unto him *Power* and *Glory* and a *Kingdom*; and all Peoples, Nations and Tongues ſhall ſerve him; and his Power is the Power of *an Age*, *Olam*, the *great Age* including the Fulneſs of the *Times* or *Ages* ſpoken of by *Paul*, Eph. 1. 10. and Acts 17. 26. 1 Theſ. 5. 1. ‖------By the Clouds of Heaven, both Jews and Chriſtians underſtand Angels; and well they may, ſince whoever is clothed with the *white* Cloud, full of Light and Glory, is an Angel, a Son of God, and can ſtand before the *Ancient* of

(a) Dan. 7. 13.

(b) Rev. 12. 5.

‖ Paul makes no Diſtinction between *Chronos* and *Kairos*, nor Peter or Jude. 2 Tim. 1. 9. Tit. 1. 2. 1 Pet. 1. 20. Jude 18. v. Many Divines have perplexed the Order of *Times* under the *Law*, by forming ſuch a Diſtinction.

of *Days*, the moſt high God, the *Ordainer* of *Days*, *Times* and *Seaſons*, that is, the *God* before *all Ages*; I ſay, ſtand before him, (a) though his *Throne* be *Flames* of *Fire*, and his *Wheels* burning Fire: A *Stream* of Fire goeth from his Face; thouſand of thouſands miniſter before him, and ten thouſand of thouſands ſtand before him. Yes, O bleſſed God, they do; and every one has his *Cloud* of *Glory* filled with *ſeven Spirits* of Light from thy Countenance, and live for ever in the Brightneſs and ineffable Joys of thy Preſence.

(a) Dan. 7. 9.

If we purſue the Cloud under the Goſpel, we ſhall find the ſame Teſtimony as the Law and Prophets had given before.

The firſt Diſcovery of *Chriſt* as Son of the moſt high God, was at his Transfiguration, when a *luminous Cloud* overſhadowed him and his three Witneſſes, *Peter*, *James* and *John*. This was called by our Lord the Son of Man coming in *his Kingdom*, Matt, 16. 28. In *Mark*, it is the Kingdom of God in *its Power*: In Luke 9. 27. it is called ſimply the Kingdom of God. Thus *his Kingdom* given at the Time mentioned by the (b) two beloved Servants of the Lord and his Chriſt; the Kingdom of God in Power, and the Kingdom was revealed under the *Cloud*, when he and his Witneſſes

(b) Dan. 7. 13. Rev. 12. 5.

neſſes were clothed with the GLORY. To prove this Manifeſtation the ſame, as the *Cloud* of Fire under the Law, called by that diſtinctive Name, the GLORY of JEHOVAH, the Apoſtle bears this Teſtimony; We *(a)* were Eye Witneſſes of his *Majeſty*, when he received from *God*, the *Father*, Honour and Glory, when there came this Voice from the *excellent Glory*, this is my *beloved* Son, in whom I am well pleaſed. A Portion of *this Glory* our Lord gave to his Diſciples, when he ſays, I have given them the *Glory*, O *Father*, which thou gaveſt unto me *(b)*. To keep in view the ſame important Truth, when *Chriſt* deſcribes his own Power, he ſays, when the *(c)* Son of Man ſhall come in *his Glory*, the ſame as his Father's, who gave it to him; and then tells us what that Glory is; they ſhall ſee the *Son* of *(d) Man* coming in the *Clouds* of *Heaven* with Power and great Glory. This we are told in Ch. 26. 64. is the Son of Man ſitting on the *right Hand* of *Power*, and coming in the *Clouds* of *Heaven*; ſo that the *right Hand* of Power and the Clouds of Heaven ſignify the ſame Thing. In Luke 21. 27. our Lord repreſents his higheſt Exaltation by coming in a *Cloud* with Power and *great Glory*, great

(a) 2 Pet. 1. 17.

(b) John 17.

(c) Matt. 25. 31.

(d) Matt. 24. 30.

Light,

Light, for *Glory* in Scripture means *Light* §.

(*a*) 1 Theſſ. 4. 17. *(a)* This is alſo the Reaſon, why the Apoſtle who knew what the Kingdom of God ſignifies, ſays, that the Saints would be caught up in *Clouds* to meet the Lord.

That this was, and is the great Secret of his Power and Glory, St. John, after firſt telling us, that the Things he of ſpoke, were at hand, within reach, opens the Revelation, v. 7. Behold, he cometh in the *Clouds*. And as Dr. *More*, (much ſuperior to any Divine now living), juſtly obſerves, the principal *Secret* of the Goſpel is that of *Chriſt* creating the heavenly Body; ſo theſe ſpiritual Bodies are the *Clouds* of *Heaven*, in which is the *Worſhip* and *Strength* of God: This is the *white* Cloud under the Goſpel, the Houſe eternal from the Heavens, which the Apoſtle taught the Chriſtians of his Day to groan to be clothed with: This is the fine Linen and white Raiment which Chriſt councils us to buy of

(*b*) Rev. 3. him *(b)*, for he only can give it; this is the *Treaſure* in an *earthen* Veſſel: this is the *Seed* of the *Kingdom* like Muſtard, of a Divine Fire which ſhall bear a *Body* of *Glory*: The Communication of this is the Power of

§ See alſo *Cudworth*'s fifth Chapter of the Intell. Syſtem for the Belief of the firſt Chriſtians about the *Body* of *Light*, &c.

of becoming Sons of God, and is the *true Regeneration*, the *Birth* from above, which ignorant Zealots babble much about, uſing the Name, and not underſtanding the Thing. And this is *that Fooliſhneſs* of God which is wiſer than Man, and is that *Wiſdom* of God which is Fooliſhneſs unto Men; which they mock and deride with the ſame Heart of *Iſhmael* and *Eſau*, and with the ſame Puniſhment of Loſs and Degradation. Yet they were the *fooliſh* People who had moſt Faith in *Chriſt*, while the Scribes, Lawyers, Prieſts and Elders knew him not: We muſt be *Fools* for Chriſt *(a)*, and become as *little Children*, before we can enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The *Myſteries* of the Kingdom are not revealed to the *wiſe* and *prudent (b)*, but to *Babes:* The *natural* Man, with all his acquired Learning, is the greateſt Enemy; and by cavilling and diſputing as the *Scribe* and Diſputer of the World did in the Apoſtle's Days, loſes the Call to the *Glory*, and the Privileges of the ſpiritual Promigeniture, and therefore like *Eſau* muſt receive from his Brother the Bleſſings, which he had not Faith nor Patience under the Croſs to obtain for himſelf.——To conclude on this Head. The *Cloud* of *Glory* is ſpread over all Nations, Peoples and Tongues. And if they had

(a) 1 Cor. 3. 10.

(b) Matt. 11. 25.

Faith, they might be baptized with a greater than *Moſes*, even *Jeſus Chriſt*, the *Heir* of all Things. Under his Cloud muſt all be led in the Paths of Regeneration, through the Wilderneſs of this World. The great Saviour ſpreads himſelf to all People, as he did once viſibly to the Jews. It is this *Glory* which muſt one Day fill the *Earth:* that Day is the Day of the *ſeventh Month*, when the *whole Congregation* of the *Firſt-born*, the 144000 ſhall be crowned Kings and Prieſts, and ſhall ſit on *white Clouds*, judging Nations. The Time is drawing near, when the great Myſtery of Jews and and Gentiles being ſhut up under Unbelief will be ſhewn according to St. Paul in Rom. 11.—36. that he may have Mercy *upon all.*

Faith in the *Myſteries* of the Kingdom is at an End; and as the ſeventh Trumpet is ready to ſound, this can only revive Love and Faith, when God will manifeſt his Son and his Son's Sons from the *Cloud* of *Glory*, their Father's Dwelling-place, and theirs in him; to him be Praiſe and Honour thro' *Jeſus Chriſt*, the *Elder* over all his Father's Houſe. Amen.

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Addenda to the *Signs* of *Times*.

The Paſſage in Gen. 6. 3. refers to the *myſtic* or great Year; "My Spirit ſhall not always ſtrive with Man, for he is alſo *Fleſh*; yet *his Days* ſhall be an *hundred and twenty Years*." This Time was never the Date of human Life, and is not true with reſpect to the *natural* Age of Man. It was intended to pre-figure the Time that *Fleſh*, the *Sin* and *Nakedneſs* of Man, ſhall continue, before it ſhall be anointed with the *Holy Spirit*, whoſe Unction deſtroys the *carnal* Mind and *carnal* Man, the *great Enmity* with God; the Root of *Self-will* and *Self-property*; they converted *Lucifer* into *Satan*, a *Lyar* and a *Thief*, and clothed *Adam* with a *Coat* of *Skins*, a *Beaſt* of the *earthly Geniture* with reſpect to the *Body* of *Sin*, *Death* and *Humiliation*, as the Apoſtle *(a)* ſpeaks of us now.——An hundred and twenty *Jubiles*, the great Years of our Lord, make 6000 Years, the Period of the ſix *prophetic* or *myſtic* Years of the *Law*.

(a) Phil. 3. 21.

The ſix Days, after which *Chriſt* was transfigured, mean ſix great Days of a thouſand Years to each Day, when he will appear in the *Glory*, and all the *Iſrael* of the *Firſt-born*, the *Elder* Brethren with him

in *his* and his *Father's Glory*, Matt. 17. 1. *Mark* 9. 2.

The *third* Day of the *Law*, on which many Signs of *Times* for the Goſpel are placed, will correſpond with the *ſeventh* under *Chriſt*. The *Birth* of our Lord is the *Æra*, from which the Days are to be computed. *Joſhuah* is a ſtrong *Type* of *Chriſt*, both in *Name* and *Office*. "Within three Days ye ſhall paſs over this *Jordan* to go in and poſſeſs the Land which the Lord your God giveth you to poſſeſs." *Joſ.* 1. 10, 11. *Jeſus* is the true *Joſhua:* Within three Days he will lead the *Iſrael* after the *Spirit* into the *true Canaan* or *heavenly* Kingdom: his *Glory* is the *Kingdom* of *Heaven* revealed to Men.

Joſ. 9. 1. "The Children of *Iſrael* journeyed and came into their Cities on the *third* Day."

Jacob's Eſcape from *Laban*'s Servitude was on a *third* Day, when it was told *Laban* that *Jacob* was fled, Gen. 31. 22. The Church of Chriſt on a third Day will be no longer under *Laban*, the Lords of this World, but under the *viſible Theocracy* of the *Cloud* of *Glory*, and the Lord and his *Chriſt* will be their *King* and *Feeder*.

The viſible Deſcent of the *Lord* on the third Day on Mount Sinai pre-figures the viſible

viſible Appearance of the *Lord* on *Mount Sion* in the *Cloud* of *Glory*, Exod. 19. 10.

The ſame Truth is figured in *Joſeph* detaining his Brethren *three Days* in Priſon, the *Type* of the Jewiſh Captivity and Ignorance of their Brother. Gen. 42. 17. To this Truth point the Words of our Saviour, on the *third Day* I ſhall be perfected, glorified in his Saints and Children. In the Marriage of *Cana* in *(a) Galilee*, the *Gentile World*, on the *third Day*, the *Wine* of the *Kingdom* will be the pouring forth of the *Holy Spirit* according to the greater Effuſion foretold by *Joel* 2. 28, 29. It is ſeen alſo in Chriſt being found after (*b*) *three* Days in the *Temple*, the *Type* of *Heaven*; and in the Apoſtle *Paul* being *(c) three Days* without Sight, till the Scales fell from his Eyes: and in the *(d) Spirit of Life* entering into the *Witneſſes* after *three Days*. Rev. 11. 11.----Let us place *Chriſt* for the *Point* of *Time*, the *Periods* of all theſe *Figures* and *Earneſts* on the *third* Day under the Law and the Goſpel, will be fulfilled in their great Signification on the Day and Year anſwering to the *ſeventh*, to which we are now drawing near.

(*a*) John 2. 1.

(*b*) Luke 2. 46.

(*c*) Acts 9. 9.

(*d*) Rev. 11. 9.

The laſt Type is *Enoch*, the *ſeventh* from *Adam*, who propheſied particularly of Scoffers and Infidels, *Jude* 14. v. and *Deniers* of the

the Lord, who *bought* them; and then connects "his coming with ten thouſands of his Saints to execute Judgment againſt all ungodly Men:" And will not the Manifeſtation of him, whom they ſcorned in this *laſt Time* as he expreſſes it, be dreadful to the Deſpiſers of Chriſt? At what Age has Infidelity had ſo rapid a Spread, or ſo many unhappy Men labouring to proſelyte the World to Unbelief in the *Blood* of Chriſt and *his Spirit*. For, though the *Feaſt* of *Trumpets*, the next in order for Completion, will be a Day of *Glory* to the *faithful*, the *Fire* of his *Pillar* will cut off the *Fleſh* of profane Mockers and hardened Sinners, in which Characters theſe *Days* of *Lot* and *Noah* ſo greatly abound.

Faith and *Love*, the *Jachin* and *Boaz* of the *new Temple*, are no more in a general View. How far from the *Spirit* of *Faith* is the World? and how far from that *holy Love*, of which the Church of *Jeruſalem* ſet the Example and Prototype? How far diſtant are Chriſtians from the Force of that Precept given by the *great Forerunner* of his *greater Maſter*? "He (*a*) that hath two Coats, let him give unto him that hath none, and he that hath Meat let him do likewiſe." In this View how criminal muſt the Rich and Great of this World appear, who give only the

(*a*) Luke 3. 11.

the Fragments of their Wealth to God, the true Proprietor of all, and conſume ſuch enormous Sums on the *(a) Pride* of *Life*, the *Luſt* of the *Eyes* and the *Luſts* of the *Fleſh* which are not of the *Father*, but of the *World*, and muſt therefore be condemned with the *World*, their ſinful Parent? They that *(b) laugh* now, muſt *mourn* in their Turn, and they who are *full*, muſt *hunger* in the Days of Separation from God for *their Time* of *Puniſhment*. A juſt Retaliation will take place, without reſpect of Perſons, from (*c*) God, in whoſe Eyes all Men are but *Duſt* and *Aſhes*; and who will ſtain the *Pride* of all *Glory*, and make *light* all the *honourable* of the Earth; for the *firſt* ſhall be *laſt*, and the *laſt* ſhall be *firſt*.

(*a*) 1 John 2. 16.

(*b*) Luke 6. 25.

(*c*) Iſai. 23. 9. Matt. 16. 30.

FINIS.

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